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Most prices were unchanged to lower throughout the week. The market tone was steady to barely steady at the beginning of the week and mostly barely steady to weak at the end of the week. Demand was generally light to good, mostly moderate, and was best where featured. Limited feature activity was noted at the end of the week and demand was generally slow to fair. Supplies were adequate to ample becoming fully adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings in the Central States were at least adequate for current needs with lighter weight product easily purchased at discounted levels. Light type hen offerings were ample to more than sufficient for needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	94-96	85-87	61-63
New York	62-64	59-62	40-43
Philadelphia	60-67	58-65	39-43
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	59-60	57.5-59	37-38
Jackson (1)	67-68	66-67	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-82	66-80	43-57
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	35-40
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	55-60	54-58	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-65	56-63	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-77	74-75	50-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	95	87	70

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 28-May-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	67.14	64.77	44.01
SOUTHERN	66.84	65.50	43.45
MIDWEST	59.17	57.92	35.64
WESTERN	87.52	82.16	63.92
TWELVE METRO AREAS	72.67	69.54	49.24

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	06-01-98	05-25-99	06-02-98
Large	37-39	38-40	38-40
Medium	15-17	15-17	16-18

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM May 31, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	8.5	3.5	8.8	10.8
	Change	0.4	-1.9	0.2	-1.6	2.5
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.7	20.2	8.1	20.5	14.6
	Change	-2.0	0.9	-0.1	5.5	0.2
Large	Curr Wk	43.0	57.6	51.3	66.0	89.3
	Change	1.8	13.5	8.5	14.0	11.7
Medium	Curr Wk	14.3	26.8	14.2	21.5	25.8
	Change	0.0	0.9	2.1	-1.4	1.7
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	3.6	1.0	5.8	4.9
	Change	-4.0	-1.7	-1.1	1.1	0.4
Misc	Curr Wk	11.9	11.3	8.5	7.0	5.3
	Change	7.4	-0.4	1.6	-0.8	0.7
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.4	51.6	7.8	33.7	47.9
	Change	10.7	4.8	1.8	2.1	11.6
Total	Curr Wk	146.2	179.6	94.4	163.3	198.6
Percent	Change	11%	10%	16%	13%	17%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	782.1	13%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	401.6	6%	40
Total Shell Egg	1183.7	11%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-May-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,132,569	26,654	10,814	5,758	2,084	3,483
PW	1,111,743	27,213	9,956	5,552	2,368	3,492
LY	994,227	23,066	9,820	5,246	2,208	3,114
% PW	2	-2	9	4	-12	0
% LY	14	16	10	10	-6	12
1999	22,394,142	514,924	219,695	121,276	54,680	70,215
1998	21,723,273	491,140	220,438	120,373	56,077	70,146

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.24	41.57	41.49

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 29-May-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	247.9	2	6
E.N. CENTRAL	438.5	-7	9
W.N. CENTRAL	224.5	-1	9
S. ATLANTIC	196.3	3	-3
S. CENTRAL	73.0	-6	3
WEST	219.3	0	1
TOTAL	1,399.5	-2	5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		97	96

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	May 22	May 29 Thousand	May 22	MAY 29
AL	27,438	27,513	20,886	19,997
AR	30,482	30,268	23,807	24,118
DE	4,626	4,611	4,427	4,780
FL	2,648	2,694	2,277	2,227
GA	*31,876	31,967	*25,510	25,260
MD	8,939	8,914	*6,794	6,817
MS	18,539	18,797	15,286	15,229
NC	18,298	18,703	14,267	14,197
PA	*3,481	3,612	*2,839	2,810
SC	4,889	4,910	3,925	3,747
TX	13,360	13,582	10,552	10,349
VA	6,547	6,670	5,815	5,400
CA, TN, & WV	11,627	11,392	9,853	10,745
15 State Total	*182,750	183,633	*146,238	145,676
Previous Year	177,208	178,086	142,389	142,724
Pct. of Prev.	103	103	103	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 146.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 68.77 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/26/99-06/02/99

	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.75	43.88	39.42	41.40	37.50	—	30.00
GNR W 2	—	38.00	39.00	41.00	35.00	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	24.50	28.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	48.00	47.50	45.14	40.61	—	11.00
GL W LG	—	45.50	44.50	46.00	39.55	—	14.25
GL W MD	—	27.00	24.50	27.57	—	—	10.25
GL W SM	—	—	21.50	24.44	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	28.50	30.00	—	—	28.83	32.20	17.00
NRBS - 42	—	21.00	—	—	18.00	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-May-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.1	31.1	-6	16
BOSTON	6.7	6.5	3	-41
CHICAGO	37.8	44.2	-14	-34
DETROIT	28.6	31.5	-9	-3
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	81.0	83.1	-3	-4
NEW ORLEANS	12.7	10.9	17	17
NEW YORK	43.2	41.2	5	18
ST. LOUIS	9.2	14.9	-38	-7
SAN FRANCISCO	19.1	18.7	2	-2
TOTAL	267.5	282.2	-5	-6
4 WK MVG AVG	281.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-May-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	27	4,737	23	4,787
AVGWT	8.74	24.48	25.43	24.39
LAST WEEK	0	5,491	24	5,515
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	7,218	8	7,226
AVGWT	0.00	22.90(A)	23.38	22.90
TO-DATE/1999	27	94,789(A)	618	95,434
TO-DATE/1998	8	102,847(A)	719	103,574

(A) Includes 309,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 405,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-May-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
NEAST	783	-49	21.69	(A)	(A)	810 21.26
SATL	764	3	26.77	(A)	(A)	765 26.80
N CENT	2,098	-7	26.49	(A)	(A)	2,113 26.47
S CENT	750	36	19.21	NONE	NONE	750 19.21
WEST	342	-14	24.91	(A)	(A)	349 24.95
U.S.TOTAL	4,737(B)-14	24.48	27	23	4,787	24.39
TO DATE						
1999	94,789(B)		27	618	95,434	
TO DATE						
1998	102,847(B)		8	719	103,574	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 10,000 for the year 309,000; last year to date 405,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-May-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,997 (A)	2,274	1,405	3,679	422
AVGWT	5.07	3.37	7.84	5.08	6.89
LAST WEEK	155,354	2,329	1,356	3,685	416
YRAGO	130,940	1,999	1,338	3,337	392
AVGWT	4.91	3.34	7.77	5.12	6.00
TO-DATE/1999	3,170,521	46,426	28,258	74,684	9,433
TO-DATE/1998	3,047,787	44,416	26,234	70,650	9,354

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.9 million head or 6.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 05

	CURRENT WEEK 06/05/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/29/99
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	138,558(2)	158,287
LT HENS	1,461	2,005
HVY HENS	1,250	1,445
TOTAL	141,269	161,737

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jun-99 is 153.5 million head compared to 132.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 140.2 million head or 13.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 12-Jun-99 the estimated available is 154.2 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL 24	154.2	153.6	100	5.13
MAY 1	155.6	154.8	101	4.90
8	156.3	154.6	101	5.07
15	154.3	154.6	100	4.82
22	157.2	152.8	103	5.10
29	158.9	152.5	104	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	3208.9	3166.6	101	
JUNE 5		153.5		
12		154.2		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
01-Jun-99	25-May-99	25-May-99	02-Jun-99
60.29	0.48	59.81	63.42
NUMBER OF LOADS	641		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 5/31-6/5/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.81	48	57.85	77
Los Angeles	65.00	64.58	60	64.16	120
New York	52.00-56.00	54.33	53	56.98	90

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	68-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-71	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 31-May-99	3,566	175,295	101,972
AM 1-May-99	2,659	156,977	88,182
CHG	907	18318	13790
PCT CHG	34	12	16

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE

5/31/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast Heavy	7-19(1)	15-18.5	16.51
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	12-20(1)	16-17.5	17.05

5/25/99

LIGHT TYPE

Eastern Light	0-5(1)	0
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)	
No. Central Light	0-1(2)	

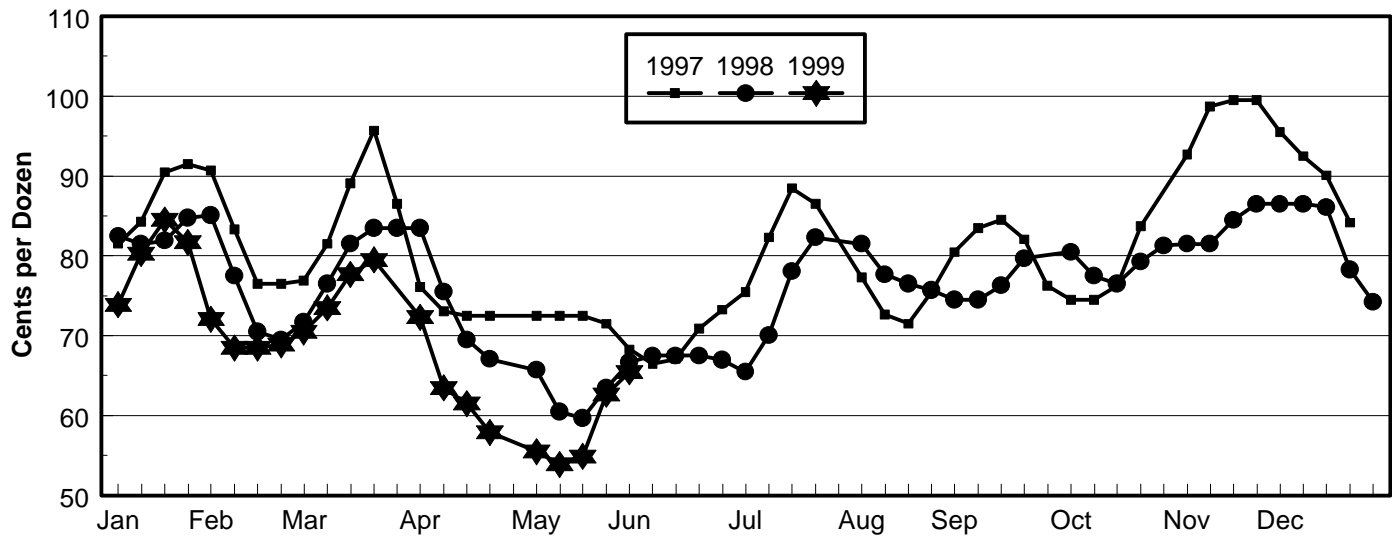
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

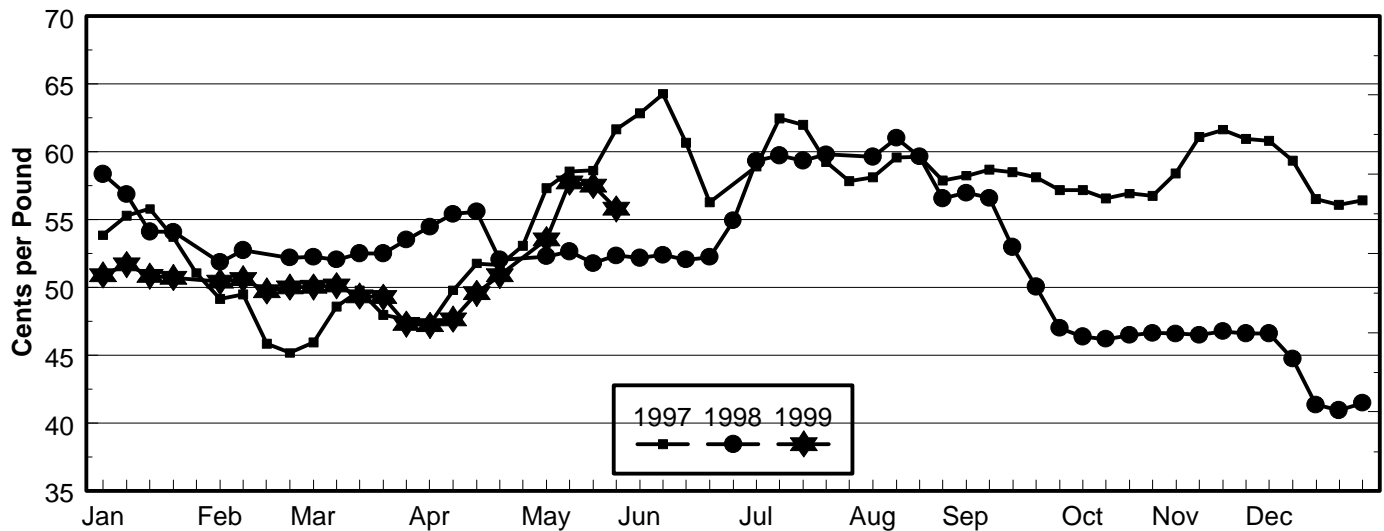
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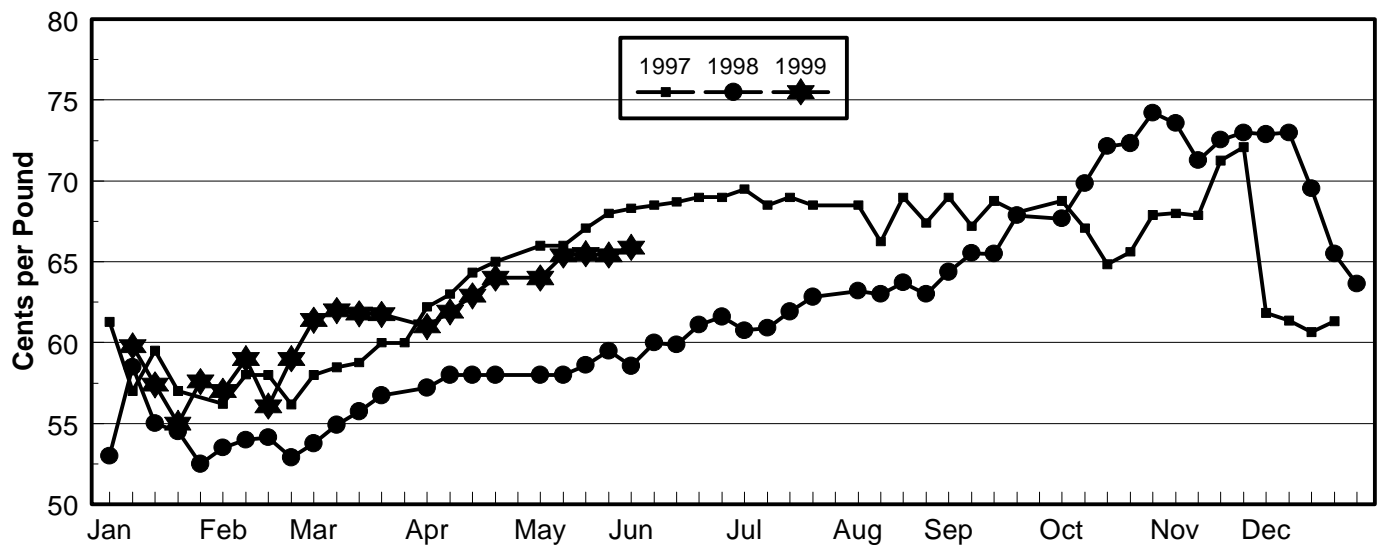
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.